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1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. 1.114

a. ☐ Previously submittedi. ☐ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. 1.116 previously filed on ____
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on ____iii. ☐ Other ____

b. Enclosed

i. ☐ Amendment/Replyii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)iii. ☒ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)iv. ☐ Other ____

2. Miscellaneous

a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. 1.103(c) for a period of ____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. 1.17(i) required)b. ☐ Other ____

3. Fees The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

a. ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 20-1469i. ☒ RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. 1.17(e)ii. ☐ Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. 1.136 and 1.17)iii. ☐ Other ____b. ☒ Check in the amount of \$790.00 enclosedc. ☐ Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)**WARNING: Information on this form may become public. Credit card information should not be included on this form. Provide credit card information and authorization on PTO-2038.**

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